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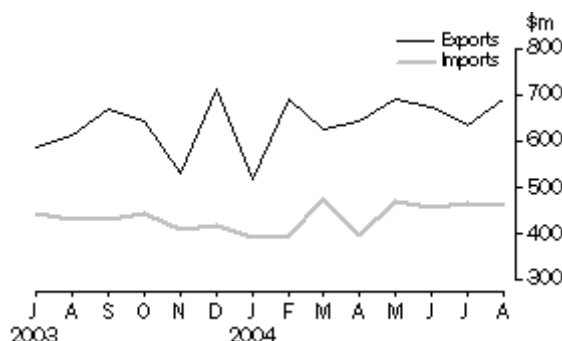
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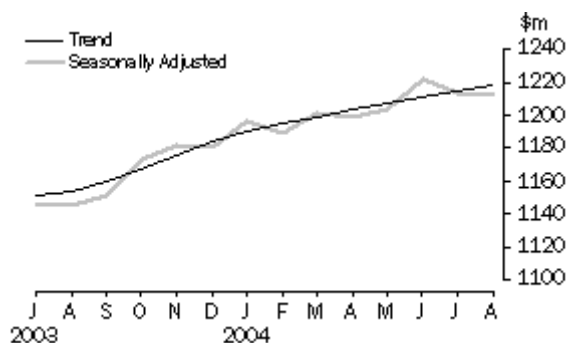


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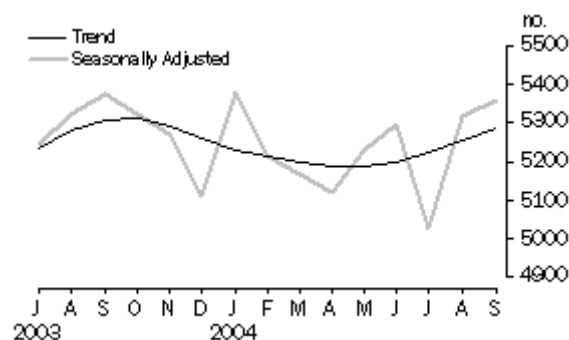
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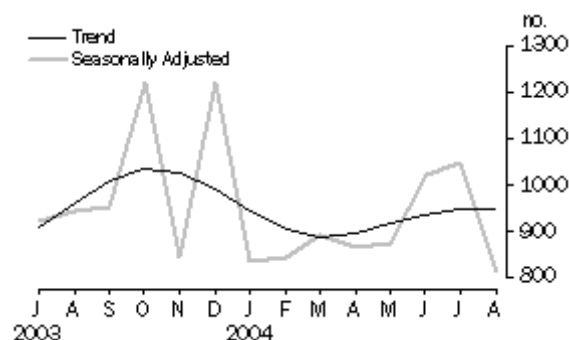


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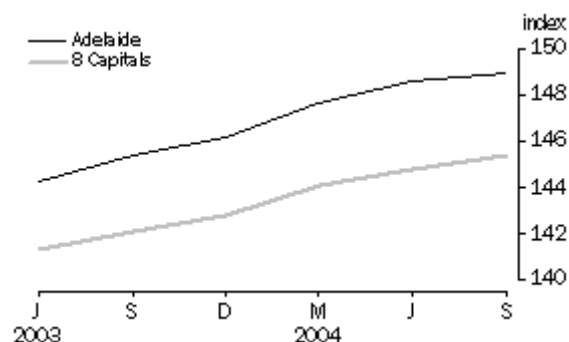


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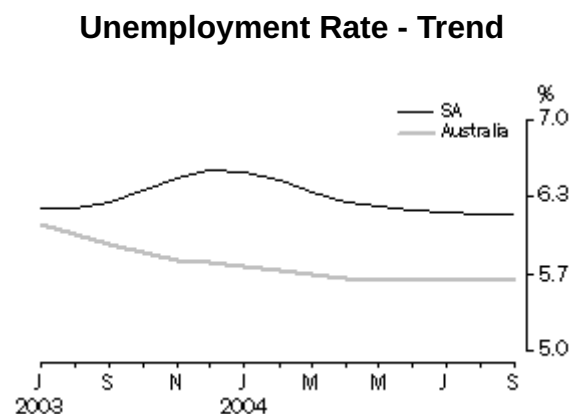
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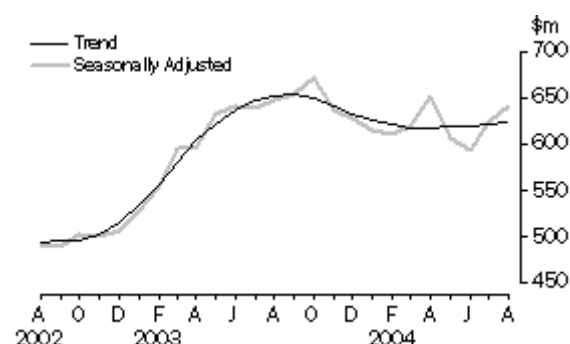


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		Number	% change from		Number	% change from		SA as a % of Australia	Source index
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
State accounts									
Domestic final demand									
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	14,708	1.4	4.9	207,933	1.2	5.9	7.1	1
Private final consumption expenditure									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	9,112	1.8	6.8	123,950	1.7	7.4	7.4	
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	8,873	1.3	4.9	121,734	1.3	6.1	7.3	1
Private gross fixed capital formation									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	2,821	1.0	2.5	43,213	1.2	7.4	6.5	
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	2,840	1.2	3.4	42,707	1.1	7.2	6.6	1
Compensation of employees									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	6,113	1.6	3.5	97,149	1.6	5.8	6.3	
International accounts									
Exports (\$m)	Aug 04	693.5	9.0	12.8	10,369.5	3.0	14.4	6.7	2
Imports (\$m)	Aug 04	461.2	-1.0	7.3	12,168.6	-3.0	12.0	3.8	2
Consumption and investment									
Retail turnover									
Current prices original (\$m)	Aug 04	1,142.2	-4.7	3.5	15,829.7	-3.0	4.4	7.2	3
Current prices trend (\$m)	Aug 04	1,218.0	0.3	5.5	16,630.6	0.4	6.3	7.3	3
Chain volume measures original (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	3,337.6	2.2	4.1	45,921.3	2.4	7.6	7.3	3
New motor vehicle sales									
Original (no.)	Sep 04	5,289	-2.3	1.3	80,452	1.5	3.4	6.6	4
Trend (no.)	Sep 04	5,288	0.6	-0.4	79,961	0.5	2.0	6.6	4
Private new capital expenditure									
Current prices original (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	1,054	31.4	-7.8	13,620	23.0	2.2	7.7	5
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	951	0.5	-10.4	12,632	-0.5	-2.0	7.5	5
Private new capital expenditure (\$m)	2003-04	3,906	-2.5		51,244	0.8		7.6	5

Tourist accommodation takings (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	60.9	-11.2	7.2	1,277.5	-8.7	10.2	4.8	6
Production									
Dwelling unit approvals									
Original (no.)	Aug 04	853	-21.5	-7.2	14,173	-2.9	-4.8	6.0	77
Trend (no.)	Aug 04	948	-0.1	-1.5	13,986	-1.4	-7.2	6.8	77
Dwelling units commenced (no.)	Jun qtr 04	2,546	2.0	0.6	43,804	0.2	7.6	5.8	8
Value of non-residential building approvals- trend (\$m)	Aug 04	66.3	-3.4	-49.8	1,476.5	3.9	2.9	4.5	7777
Value of total building activity									
Commenced (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	691.7	25.5	4.9	13,596.3	4.2	15.4	5.1	8
Work done (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	764.1	7.0	18.8	14,139.4	9.6	19.6	5.4	8
Work yet to be done (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	1,265.4	-0.7	21.6	23,702.1	1.1	13.4	5.3	8
Value of engineering construction work done (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	449.7	12.8	22.6	7,499.0	13.6	46.6	6.0	9
Manufacturing production									
Red meat trend (tonnes)	Jun qtr 04	55,265	-0.3	-3.9	774,010	1.7	5.4	7.1	11
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum) (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	15.7	121.1	42.7	240.2	43.6	17.9	6.5	12

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Prices (a)									
CPI- All groups (index no.)	Sep qtr 04	149.0	0.3	2.5	145.4	0.4	2.3	..	13
Price index of materials used in house building (index no.)	Sep qtr 04	142.0	1.0	3.3	137.2	0.8	3.2	..	14
Price index of established houses (index no.)	Jun qtr 04	232.8	5.7	33.7	248.2	-3.1	24.4	..	15
Price index of project homes (index no.)	Jun qtr 04	169.5	1.2	11.6	158.4	2.6	10.5	..	15
Labour force and demography									
Population (resident at end qtr) ('000)	Mar qtr 04	1,533.2	0.2	0.6	20,061.8	0.3	2.4	7.6	16

Natural increase of the population ('000)	Mar qtr 04	1,637.0	33.4	7.5	26,349.0	-16.0	-13.7	6.2	16
Labour Force									
Original ('000)	Sep 04	769.4	0.7	0.1	10,372.5	2.4	2.1	7.4	17
Trend ('000)	Sep 04	768.9	0.0	0.4	10,258.3	0.1	1.7	7.5	17
Employed persons									
Original ('000)	Sep 04	724.3	0.9	0.3	9,802.9	2.3	2.5	7.4	17
Trend ('000)	Sep 04	721.3	0.0	0.5	9,681.2	0.1	2.0	7.5	17
Participation rate									
Original (b) (%)	Sep 04	61.5	0.4	-0.5	64.1	1.4	0.2	..	17
Trend (b) (%)	Sep 04	61.5	0.0	-0.3	63.5	0.0	0.1	..	17
Unemployment rate									
Original (b) (%)	Sep 04	5.9	-0.2	-0.2	5.5	0.1	-0.4	..	17
Trend (b) (%)	Sep 04	6.2	0.0	-0.1	5.6	0.0	-0.3	..	17
Job vacancies ('000)	Aug 04	7.0	15.0	8.6	127.6	4.0	17.3	5.5	18
Industrial disputes ('000 working days lost)	Jun qtr 04	1.5	-69.4	15.4	152.9	90.2	175.5	1.0	19
Income									
Average weekly earnings (full-time; ordinary time)									
Original (\$)	May qtr 04	876.00	0.9	1.9	949.50	0.2	3.1	..	20
Trend (\$)	May qtr 04	873.30	0.5	1.6	952.50	0.7	3.8	..	20
Wage cost index (total hourly rate excluding bonuses)									
(c) (index no.)	Jun qtr 04	124.2	0.3	4.5	124.3	0.6	4.2	..	21
Financial markets									
Secured housing finance (d)									
Original (\$m)	Aug 04	630.5	-1.3	2.8	10,476.4	-0.7	-2.3	6.0	22
Trend (\$m)	Aug 04	624.4	0.4	-4.5	10,142.9	0.6	-6.5	6.2	22
Finance commitments									
Personal (\$m)	Aug 04	380.5	-5.4	-6.9	6,046.0	-8.1	-6.0	6.3	23
Commercial (\$m)	Aug 04	918.1	-1.0	-3.2	24,157.0	-6.2	1.8	3.8	23
Lease (\$m)	Aug 04	12.3	-20.1	-5.7	535.0	2.9	-1.5	2.3	23
Interest rates (b)									
Banks - new housing loans (%)	Sep 04	..	..	..	7.05	0.0	0.50	..	24
Banks - business loans									
Small, medium businesses (e) (%)	Sep 04	8.85	0.0	0.50	..	24
Large business (%)	Sep 04	8.85	0.0	0.50	..	24

(a) Base year of each index 1989-90 = 100.

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(e) Rate for business loans over \$50,000.

STATE SUMMARY

Indicator	Period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Source index
SELECTED INDICATORS										
CPI- All groups(a) (index no.)	Sep qtr	146.2	144.2	146.8	149.0	142.0	145.0	140.8	145.5	13

Participation rate trend (%)	Sep 04	62.0	63.7	65.3	61.5	64.8	59.4	70.6	70.7	17
Unemployment rate trend (%)	Sep 04	5.4	6.1	5.4	6.2	4.9	6.6	8.1	4.0	17
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time) trend (\$)	May qtr	995.80	955.30	890.40	873.30	956.50	845.50	949.20	1,067.30	20

SELECTED INDICATORS PER HEAD OF POPULATION(b)

State final demand Chain volume measures trend (c) (\$'000)	Jun qtr	10.4	10.4	9.9	9.6	10.5	8.8	13.9	17.7	1
Retail turnover Current prices original (\$)	Aug 04	794.2	761.7	832.0	745.0	791.8	668.9	876.1	911.3	3
Current prices trend (\$)	Aug 04	837.6	798.1	863.6	794.4	841.1	731.8	826.0	947.5	3
New motor vehicle sales trend (no. per '000 population)	Sep 04	3.8	4.1	4.5	3.4	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.6	4
Private new capital expenditure Current prices trend (\$)	Jun qtr	549.0	570.5	584.4	620.3	1,098.8	379.9	2,339.4	410.6	5
Dwelling unit approvals Original (no. per '000 population)	Aug 04	0.542	0.727	0.925	0.556	0.997	0.498	0.818	0.398	7
Trend (no. per '000 population)	Aug 04	0.540	0.717	0.875	0.619	1.026	0.531	0.698	0.543	7
Secured housing finance (d) (\$)	Aug 04	568.0	487.4	525.8	411.2	621.0	294.4	436.7	380.4	22

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PERIOD

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Trend (%)	Aug 04	-4.1	0.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.6	-5.9	7.9	-19.3	7
CPI- All groups (%)	Sep qtr	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.5	13
Participation rate trend (e)	Sep 04	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	17
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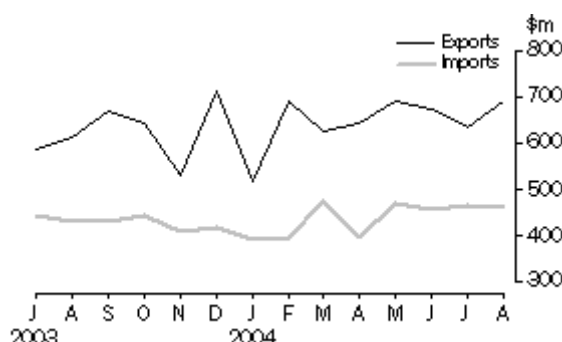
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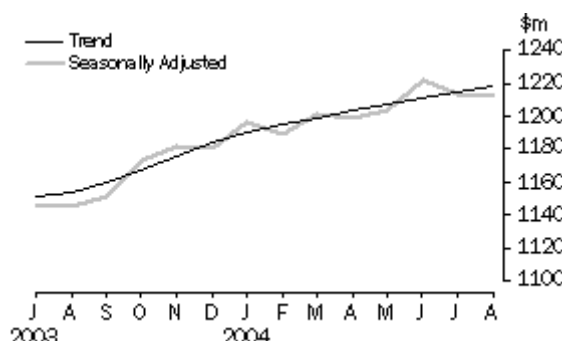


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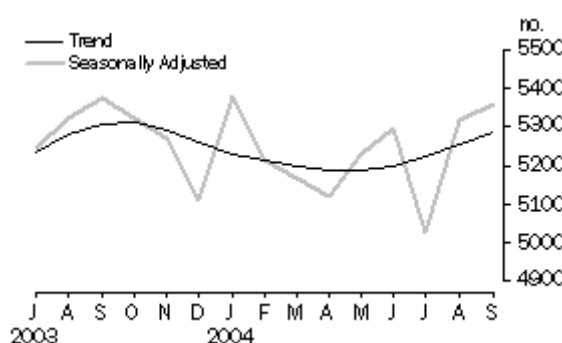
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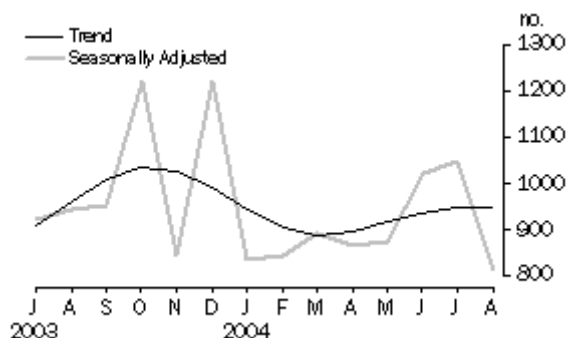


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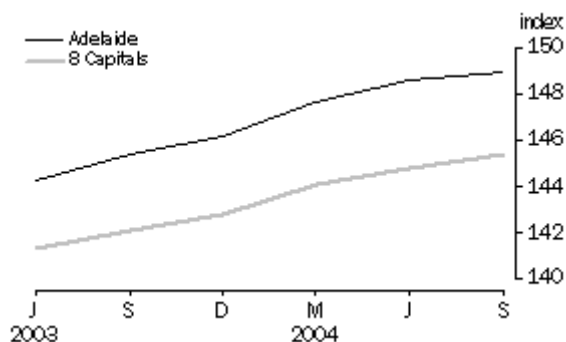


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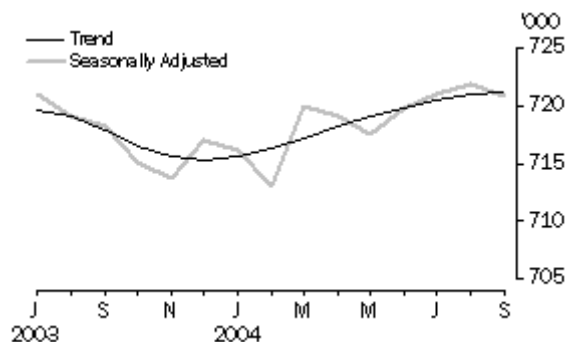


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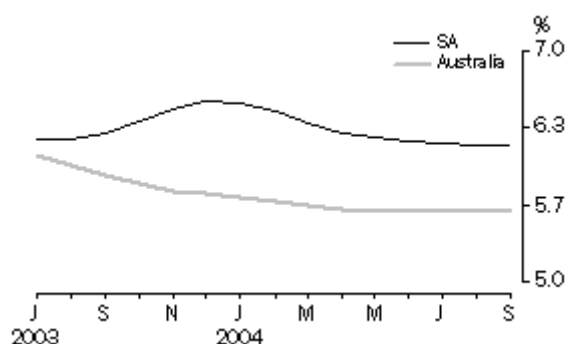
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Unemployment Rate - Trend

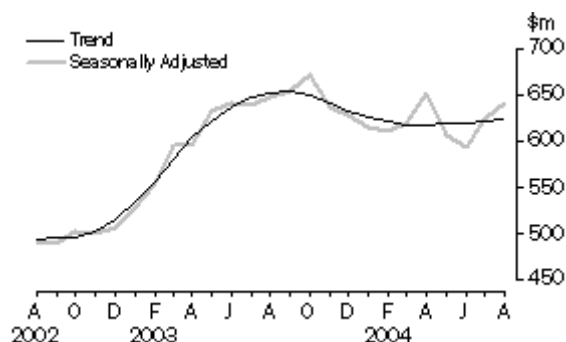


- See Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)

FINANCIAL MARKETS

The value of secured housing finance commitments (excluding alterations and additions, and including refinancing) was \$624.4m in August 2004. This was a increase of 0.4% from the previous month and 4.5% less than the value of commitments in August 2003 (\$653.5m).

Secured Housing Finance Commitments (a)



(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

- See Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0)

STATISTICAL SUMMARY Part 1

South Australia

Australia

Indicator	Period	Number	% change from		Number	% change from		SA as a % of Australia	Source index
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
State accounts									
Domestic final demand									
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	14,708	1.4	4.9	207,933	1.2	5.9	7.1	1
Private final consumption expenditure									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	9,112	1.8	6.8	123,950	1.7	7.4	7.4	
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	8,873	1.3	4.9	121,734	1.3	6.1	7.3	1
Private gross fixed capital formation									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	2,821	1.0	2.5	43,213	1.2	7.4	6.5	
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	2,840	1.2	3.4	42,707	1.1	7.2	6.6	1
Compensation of employees									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	6,113	1.6	3.5	97,149	1.6	5.8	6.3	
International accounts									
Exports (\$m)	Aug 04	693.5	9.0	12.8	10,369.5	3.0	14.4	6.7	2
Imports (\$m)	Aug 04	461.2	-1.0	7.3	12,168.6	-3.0	12.0	3.8	2
Consumption and investment									
Retail turnover									
Current prices original (\$m)	Aug 04	1,142.2	-4.7	3.5	15,829.7	-3.0	4.4	7.2	3
Current prices trend (\$m)	Aug 04	1,218.0	0.3	5.5	16,630.6	0.4	6.3	7.3	3
Chain volume measures original (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	3,337.6	2.2	4.1	45,921.3	2.4	7.6	7.3	3
New motor vehicle sales									
Original (no.)	Sep 04	5,289	-2.3	1.3	80,452	1.5	3.4	6.6	4
Trend (no.)	Sep 04	5,288	0.6	-0.4	79,961	0.5	2.0	6.6	4
Private new capital expenditure									
Current prices original (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	1,054	31.4	-7.8	13,620	23.0	2.2	7.7	5
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	951	0.5	-10.4	12,632	-0.5	-2.0	7.5	5
Private new capital expenditure (\$m)	2003-04	3,906	-2.5		51,244	0.8		7.6	5
Tourist accommodation takings (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	60.9	-11.2	7.2	1,277.5	-8.7	10.2	4.8	6
Production									
Dwelling unit approvals									
Original (no.)	Aug 04	853	-21.5	-7.2	14,173	-2.9	-4.8	6.0	77
Trend (no.)	Aug 04	948	-0.1	-1.5	13,986	-1.4	-7.2	6.8	77

Dwelling units commenced (no.)	Jun qtr 04	2,546	2.0	0.6	43,804	0.2	7.6	5.8	8
Value of non-residential building approvals- trend (\$m)	Aug 04	66.3	-3.4	-49.8	1,476.5	3.9	2.9	4.5	7777
Value of total building activity									
Commenced (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	691.7	25.5	4.9	13,596.3	4.2	15.4	5.1	8
Work done (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	764.1	7.0	18.8	14,139.4	9.6	19.6	5.4	8
Work yet to be done (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	1,265.4	-0.7	21.6	23,702.1	1.1	13.4	5.3	8
Value of engineering construction work done (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	449.7	12.8	22.6	7,499.0	13.6	46.6	6.0	9
Manufacturing production									
Red meat trend (tonnes)	Jun qtr 04	55,265	-0.3	-3.9	774,010	1.7	5.4	7.1	11
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum) (\$m)	Jun qtr 04	15.7	121.1	42.7	240.2	43.6	17.9	6.5	12

STATISTICAL SUMMARY Part 2

Indicator	Period	South Australia			Australia				
		Number	% change from		Number	% change from		SA as a % of Australia	Source index
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
Prices (a)									
CPI- All groups (index no.)	Sep qtr 04	149.0	0.3	2.5	145.4	0.4	2.3	..	13
Price index of materials used in house building (index no.)	Sep qtr 04	142.0	1.0	3.3	137.2	0.8	3.2	..	14
Price index of established houses (index no.)	Jun qtr 04	232.8	5.7	33.7	248.2	-3.1	24.4	..	15
Price index of project homes (index no.)	Jun qtr 04	169.5	1.2	11.6	158.4	2.6	10.5	..	15
Labour force and demography									
Population (resident at end qtr) ('000)	Mar qtr 04	1,533.2	0.2	0.6	20,061.8	0.3	2.4	7.6	16
Natural increase of the population ('000)	Mar qtr 04	1,637.0	33.4	7.5	26,349.0	-16.0	-13.7	6.2	16
Labour Force									
Original ('000)	Sep 04	769.4	0.7	0.1	10,372.5	2.4	2.1	7.4	17
Trend ('000)	Sep 04	768.9	0.0	0.4	10,258.3	0.1	1.7	7.5	17
Employed persons									
Original ('000)	Sep 04	724.3	0.9	0.3	9,802.9	2.3	2.5	7.4	17
Trend ('000)	Sep 04	721.3	0.0	0.5	9,681.2	0.1	2.0	7.5	17

Participation rate									
Original (b) (%)	Sep 04	61.5	0.4	-0.5	64.1	1.4	0.2	..	17
Trend (b) (%)	Sep 04	61.5	0.0	-0.3	63.5	0.0	0.1	..	17
Unemployment rate									
Original (b) (%)	Sep 04	5.9	-0.2	-0.2	5.5	0.1	-0.4	..	17
Trend (b) (%)	Sep 04	6.2	0.0	-0.1	5.6	0.0	-0.3	..	17
Job vacancies ('000)	Aug 04	7.0	15.0	8.6	127.6	4.0	17.3	5.5	18
Industrial disputes ('000 working days lost)	Jun qtr 04	1.5	-69.4	15.4	152.9	90.2	175.5	1.0	19
Income									
Average weekly earnings (full-time; ordinary time)									
Original (\$)	May qtr 04	876.00	0.9	1.9	949.50	0.2	3.1	..	20
Trend (\$)	May qtr 04	873.30	0.5	1.6	952.50	0.7	3.8	..	20
Wage cost index (total hourly rate excluding bonuses)									
(c) (index no.)	Jun qtr 04	124.2	0.3	4.5	124.3	0.6	4.2	..	21
Financial markets									
Secured housing finance (d)									
Original (\$m)	Aug 04	630.5	-1.3	2.8	10,476.4	-0.7	-2.3	6.0	22
Trend (\$m)	Aug 04	624.4	0.4	-4.5	10,142.9	0.6	-6.5	6.2	22
Finance commitments									
Personal (\$m)	Aug 04	380.5	-5.4	-6.9	6,046.0	-8.1	-6.0	6.3	23
Commercial (\$m)	Aug 04	918.1	-1.0	-3.2	24,157.0	-6.2	1.8	3.8	23
Lease (\$m)	Aug 04	12.3	-20.1	-5.7	535.0	2.9	-1.5	2.3	23
Interest rates (b)									
Banks - new housing loans (%)	Sep 04	..	..	..	7.05	0.0	0.50	..	24
Banks - business loans									
Small, medium businesses (e) (%)	Sep 04	..	..	..	8.85	0.0	0.50	..	24
Large business (%)	Sep 04	..	..	..	8.85	0.0	0.50	..	24

- (a) Base year of each index 1989-90 = 100.
(b) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.
(c) Base year of index Sep 1997 = 100.
(d) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.
(e) Rate for business loans over \$50,000.

STATE SUMMARY

Indicator	Period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Source
										index
SELECTED INDICATORS										
CPI- All groups(a) (index no.)	Sep qtr	146.2	144.2	146.8	149.0	142.0	145.0	140.8	145.5	13
Participation rate trend (%)	Sep 04	62.0	63.7	65.3	61.5	64.8	59.4	70.6	70.7	17
Unemployment rate trend (%)	Sep 04	5.4	6.1	5.4	6.2	4.9	6.6	8.1	4.0	17
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time) trend (\$)	May qtr	995.80	955.30	890.40	873.30	956.50	845.50	949.20	1,067.30	20

SELECTED INDICATORS PER HEAD OF POPULATION(b)

State final demand Chain volume measures trend (c) (\$'000)	Jun qtr	10.4	10.4	9.9	9.6	10.5	8.8	13.9	17.7	1
Retail turnover										
Current prices original (\$)	Aug 04	794.2	761.7	832.0	745.0	791.8	668.9	876.1	911.3	3
Current prices trend (\$)	Aug 04	837.6	798.1	863.6	794.4	841.1	731.8	826.0	947.5	3
New motor vehicle sales trend (no. per '000 population)	Sep 04	3.8	4.1	4.5	3.4	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.6	4
Private new capital expenditure	Jun qtr	549.0	570.5	584.4	620.3	1,098.8	379.9	2,339.4	410.6	
Current prices trend (\$)										5
Dwelling unit approvals Original (no. per '000 population)	Aug 04	0.542	0.727	0.925	0.556	0.997	0.498	0.818	0.398	7
Trend (no. per '000 population)	Aug 04	0.540	0.717	0.875	0.619	1.026	0.531	0.698	0.543	7
Secured housing finance (d) (\$)	Aug 04	568.0	487.4	525.8	411.2	621.0	294.4	436.7	380.4	22

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PERIOD

State final demand Chain volume measures trend (c) Retail turnover	Jun qtr	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.9	1
Current prices original	Aug 04	-3.2	-2.2	-2.2	-4.7	-3.9	-6.2	-2.5	-3.3	3
Current prices trend	Aug 04	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.1	3
New motor vehicle sales trend	Sep 04	3.8	4.1	4.5	3.4	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.6	4
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices trend (e)	Jun qtr	2.7	-2.9	1.5	0.5	-2.6	4.0	-1.1	-2.9	5
Dwelling unit approvals Original (%)	Aug 04	2.5	-4.5	0.8	-21.5	-11.3	8.6	30.4	79.2	7
Trend (%)	Aug 04	-4.1	0.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.6	-5.9	7.9	-19.3	7
CPI- All groups (%)	Sep qtr	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.5	13
Participation rate trend (e)	Sep 04	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	17
Unemployment rate trend (e)	Aug 04	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	17
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults;ordinary time) trend	May qtr	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.3	0.0	20
Secured housing finance (d)	Aug 04	-2.9	-0.5	-1.7	-1.3	9.5	-3.7	10.6	-9.6	22

(a) Base year of index 1989-90=100.

(b) The latest quarterly estimate of Australian resident population has been used to calculate ratios for subsequent periods.

(c) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2001-02.

(d) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

(e) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

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